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Washington, D.C. 20505

National Intelligence Council

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27 October 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH: Chairman, National Intelligence Council

FROM:
Acting National Intelligence Officer for Europe

SUBJECT: Comparing Eastern European Societies

REFERENCE: Ambassador Salgo's Memorandum dated 26 September 1986
(ER-86-4724)

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1. The proposals Ambassador Salgo makes for a more systematic approach to rank ordering the regimes in Eastern Europe is novel and could have some welcome spinoffs. But his plan also would divert increasingly scarce reporting resources from higher priority issues -- like succession preparations, economic/financial problems and strains with the USSR. And the project seems dubious as a tool in assisting the future evolution of US policy toward East Europe.

2. The main objection is that existing limited resources will have to be redirected from urgent collection priorities.

- Succession struggles are just ahead for most of the regimes in the area.
- Economic problems are threatening political spillovers in Poland, Romania, Bulgaria and Hungary.
- The Gorbachev leadership is just beginning to elaborate its program for relations with the East Europeans.

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Threatened cutbacks in Embassy staffing already endanger this critical reporting and comprehensive new requirements of a non-critical nature should be avoided.

3. The utility to policymakers of such an exhaustive project is suspect.

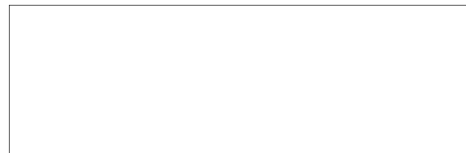
- US policy in East Europe usually develops as a derivative of US policy toward the USSR or sometimes West Europe. "Differentiation" is a secondary level of criteria in the broader context of US interests and policy choices made on this basis alone are declining in number and scope.
- The approach mirrors the mandatory CSCE and human rights reports already written by embassy staffers with scarce impact, if any, on policy.
- The mechanized compiling of comparative data may obscure the threats and opportunities in the trends cited in paragraph 2.

In short, we should avoid spending considerable scarce assets on a job which probably has small prospect of making a difference in the evolution of US policy toward the area.

4. In general, I do think there is need for more basic research on East Europe.

- Universities are barely sustaining their East European research programs.
- A return to basics might bring fresh insights to analysts on the East European problem. (Given, the considerable turnover of the analytical corps in INR and the DDI in recent years the opportunity for new insights is growing while the baseline data is stale.)
- Overall, the effort might also raise the standard of substantive awareness in reporting. (For the past several years State's assignment patterns have reduced opportunities for return assignments to East Europe and thus degraded overall expertise in POL and ECON slots.)

5. However, I also believe that the best way to fill this gap is to use government contracts and "seed money" to direct academics and contractors to tasks which they can readily accomplish.



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14 October 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR: D/European Analysis, DI
FROM: DCI
SUBJECT: Nicholas M. Salgo

Nicholas Salgo, our Ambassador to Hungary, has asked for suggestions on how to augment and improve the matrix he has drawn up for the purpose of getting a present reading on all the points in Eastern Europe on the state of play there. Will you put together any judgments you may have so that I can send them on to Ambassador Salgo.

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William J. Casey

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EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Budapest, Hungary

September 26, 1986

MEMORANDUM

TO: INR - Ambassador Abramowitz

FROM: Nicholas M. Salgo

SUBJECT: Comparing Eastern European Societies

As I near the end of my three-year assignment in Hungary, I am all the more impressed with the significant differences which exist among the countries of the Warsaw Pact in terms of outlook, political practices, toleration of dissidents, cultural policies, economic controls, religious freedom, administrative procedures, etc. I believe that these differences have considerable significance for the future development of these countries and our ability to design constructive relations with each of them. Nevertheless, I have not yet seen an attempt to set forth precisely in a structured manner the nature of these differences upon which a comparative survey could be developed. I am attaching a list of categories which we, in Budapest, have developed. I would be very happy if you would take a look at them, evaluate them, and have your own specialists modify them and, as appropriate, develop additional categories. My goal would be to then ask all the posts in Eastern Europe for their input which would be the basis for a comparative survey to be produced in Washington.

I would very much appreciate receiving your reaction to this proposal.

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A MATRIX FOR THE EXAMINATION OF PRACTICAL DIFFERENCES
EASTERN EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS

A. POLITICAL

Degree of local democracy (e.g. can referendums be used to overturn decisions made by local authorities;

Mandatory multiple candidates for local and national positions;

Level of availability of mother tongue schools and cultural institutions to meet ethnic demand;

Extent of access by population to foreign media and publications;

Level of tolerance of Samizdat publication and distribution;

Ability to travel to Western countries;

Tolerance of unofficial interest groups

Ability to travel to socialist countries; extent of and restrictions on local cross-border traffic.

B. CULTURE AND MASS MEDIA

U.S. films shown (especially percent of total available to general public).

Types of U.S. films shown (i.e. to what extent are such films selectively chosen to portray a highly negative view of American life).

Treatment of reporters (U.S. and other Western re: visas, access to sources, etc.)

Contact with universities (direct or through Ministry -- relative ease of access).

Contact with TV/Radio (ease of access, receptiveness/initiative in covering U.S. topics).

Co-ops with USIA/TV (coverage of the U.S. by on-site TV personnel).

Worldnet (accessibility of national TV to Worldnet via antennas or cassette).

Policy on TV/Radio (jamming of VOA, RFE, other Western alternate sources of information).

Application of Cultural Treaty (whether treated as ceiling or floor for P&C programs).

Degree of local access to P&C Library, etc. (programs/films by general, specialized publics).

Coverage of U.S. in media (boiler plate propaganda or appeal to reason).

Access to Youth (KISZ, language programs).

Private sector exchanges (ease and volume of "non-official" institution-to-institution programs).

Exhibits (number of U.S. exhibits and access to wider publics -- regional tours)

C. HUMANITARIAN/FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT

CSCE issues: Treatment of divided families, etc. (POL should handle).

Period between allowed trips to West by natives.

Emigration allowed between 18-55?

Amount of hard currency local citizens can possess legally.

Amount of hard currency local citizens are allowed to take out.

Willingness to exeditiously grant emigration permission to spouse of American citizens, alien residents and their families.

D. COMMERCIAL

Availability of business visas.

Access of enterprises and end-users.

Availability of business services.

Requirements for opening a representational office.

Requirements for hiring local personnel.

Rules governing joint ventures.

Repatriation of local earnings.

General business climate.

Availability of marketing information.

E. ECONOMIC

How are state enterprises held accountable - i.e. by quantitative production norms or profitability.

Does the obligation of maintaining full employment fall on the state or the enterprises?

How is the private sector treated - i.e. restricted, tolerated, limited encouragement, only bound basically by professional qualification and health considerations.

Are there multiple exchange rates? How realistic is/are exchange rates vis-avis convertible currencies?

How adequately does the domestic economy meet the consumer needs of the population, i.e. partially, adequately, some luxuries available to an elite, some luxuries available to the general public and rationed by price.

What investment and savings opportunities exist for individuals, i.e. only low interest savings account, housing, savings accounts with a real return on the interest rate, limited bond market.

F. ADMINISTRATIVE/BILATERAL

Degree of access to foreign currency shops by host country nationals.

Necessity for diplomats to shop in hard currency only shops.

Different pricing system for foreigners, such as in hotels or rents charged for diplomatic housing.

Inspection of diplomatic HME both entering and leaving the country.

Ability of diplomatic establishments and foreign (Western) businesses to freely hire needed host country nationals to work in their embassies or businesses.

G. RELIGION

Which denominations are officially recognized?

Formal relationship between Church and State.

Availability of religious education to citizenry.

Availability of religious education to clergy.

Possibility to practice religious beliefs and hold Party positions.

Attitudes towards church attendance - To what extent does being an active believer hinder one's professional career.

Ability of church to appoint local bishops freely.

State of relations with the Vatican.

H. SCIENCE

Acknowledgements by leadership of U.S. (and West) preeminence in S&T developments.

Uninhibited contacts and access to Western S&T communities; openly court Western Governments, firms, institutions.

Expressed policy initiatives to expand S&T cooperation with Western Governments.

27 October 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director for Intelligence

FROM: Director, Office of European Analysis

SUBJECT: Comparative East European Analysis Matrix

1. Action. Letter to Ambassador Salgo for your signature.

2. EURA and OGI analysts have reviewed Ambassador Salgo's proposed matrix for comparing East European studies and we have drafted a letter to him for your signature. In addition, I am attaching a copy of an Intelligence Assessment on a related topic entitled Yugoslav Prospects for Political Instability: An Indicators Approach, GI 84-10154, September 1984. The indicators in that assessment also lend themselves to use in comparative surveys.



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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director for Intelligence

FROM: Director, Office of European Analysis

SUBJECT: Comparative East European Analysis Matrix
(DCI signature for Ambassador Salgo letter)

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Washington, D.C. 20505

The Honorable Nicholas M. Salgo
Embassy of the United States of America
Budapest, Hungary

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your innovative proposal for a comparative survey of the countries of Eastern Europe. The proposal has been carefully reviewed by our analysts in both the Office of European Analysis and the Office of Global Issues. There is a consensus among them that the proposed categories are useful and appropriate for a study of this kind. We have compiled a short list of additional categories to help flesh out the Embassy's list, and we have offered some further suggestions to help refine the list. We hope this will facilitate the analysis of the data resulting from such a survey.

We believe the following indicators would add to the completeness of the matrix:

Political

- Number of political parties
- Parliamentary independence
- Local autonomy
- Number of political prisoners
- Limits of the power of the security service

Culture and Mass Media

- Level of Samizdat publication
- Extent of censorship
- Legal vehicles for the expression of public opinion

Economic

- Administrative controls on setting wages and prices
- Role/legal authority of central planning organs

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Scholarly work in the field also offers ideas for refinement of the list. There are a number of scholars who do comparative political research on Eastern Europe. For example, in a book by Jan F. Triska and Paul M. Cocks entitled Political Development in Eastern Europe (New York: Praeger, 1977), there is a chapter entitled "External Influences on Political Change in Eastern Europe: A Framework for Analysis" by Sarah Meiklejohn Terry. Terry sets forth a checklist for comparisons and justifies its use. Three other references which compare East European countries along various categories are: Elite Studies and Communist Politics by Ronald H. Linden and Bert A. Rockman (Pittsburgh, PA: The University of Pittsburgh, 1984); The Politics of Modernization in Eastern Europe: Testing the Soviet Model by Charles Gati (New York: Praeger, 1974); and Innovation in Communist Systems by Andrew Gyorgy and James A. Kuhlman (Boulder, CO: Westview, 1978).

We believe that the value of the matrix would be enhanced if rules for the collection of information are carefully spelled out. For example, if the information is collected with some standard in mind (Western-style pluralism or Soviet-style orthodoxy), the results would differ significantly from an outcome not based on an explicit collection standard. Another standard might include assessing the ease of US/Western access. Finally, we recommend that you consider measuring the categories on a scale (e.g. 1 to 5, with 1 being high and 5 being low). Unless these standards are made explicit before the information is collected, it will be very difficult to interpret the information in the matrix.

In addition, I am enclosing a copy of an Intelligence Assessment on a related topic entitled Yugoslav Prospects for Political Instability: An Indicators Approach, GI 84-10154, September 1984. The indicators in that assessment also lend themselves to use in comparative surveys.

Thank you again for providing us the opportunity to comment on such a worthwhile proposal.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence

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E.O. 12356: OADR

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SUBJECT: DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EASTERN EUROPEAN
 - SOCIETIES

1. AS A FOLLOW-UP TO AMBASSADOR'S DISCUSSIONS WITH
 INR DIRECTOR ABRAMOWITZ IN SEPTEMBER, WE ARE
 FORWARDING A COPY OF THE UPDATED MATRIX WE HAVE
 DESIGNED FOR EXAMINING HUNGARIAN POLITICAL, ECONOMIC
 AND SOCIAL POLICIES AND POSSIBLY COMPARING THESE
 POLICIES TO THOSE OF HUNGARY'S NEIGHBORS. WE ARE ALSO
 TAKING THE LIBERTY OF PASSING OUR IDEA, ON AN INFO
 BASIS, TO OTHER POSTS IN THE REGION.

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CRITERIA WE HAVE ESTABLISHED IS ALSO BEING CARRIED OUT. THIS TASK HAS BEEN DIVIDED AMONG THE EMBASSY'S VARIOUS SECTIONS AND WE PLAN TO BE ABLE TO PASS ALONG OUR RESULTS IN APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK.

3. FOR INFO ADDRESSEES: IT IS OUR FEELING THAT THE MATRIX WE HAVE DEVELOPED WILL BE A USEFUL TOOL BOTH FOR ANALYZING THE DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF HUNGARIAN LIFE AND COMPARING HUNGARY TO ITS SOCIALIST NEIGHBORS. WE BELIEVE THAT, IN ADDITION TO BEING EXTREMELY USEFUL FOR BRIEFING OF THOSE SEEKING TO FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH EASTERN EUROPE, THE COMPLETED MATRIX COULD BE HELPFUL BOTH IN WASHINGTON AND IN THE FIELD IN DEVELOPING POLICY OPTIONS FOR THIS PART OF THE WORLD. WE WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE GETTING YOUR QUICK REACTION ONCE YOU HAVE HAD THE CHANCE TO REVIEW OUR WHOLE PACKAGE AS WELL AS ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR EXPANDING OR REDUCING OUR LIST OF CATEGORIES.

4. COMMENT: ONCE THE INFORMATION BASED ON THIS OR AN EXPANDED MATRIX IS TABULATED, WE ARE SURE AN INTRIGUING MOSAIC WILL SHOW. IF THEN, EVERY SIX OR TWELVE MONTHS, THE INFORMATION IS UPDATED, POTENTIAL CHANGES AND THE TENDENCIES OF CHANGES COULD BE EVEN MORE INTRIGUING SIGNPOSTS.

5. A MATRIX FOR THE EXAMINATION OF PRACTICAL DIFFERENCES - EASTERN EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS

A. POLITICAL

DEGREE OF LOCAL DEMOCRACY (E.G. CAN REFERENDUMS BE USED TO OVERTURN DECISIONS MADE BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES);
MANDATORY MULTIPLE CANDIDATES FOR LOCAL AND NATIONAL POSITIONS;

LEVEL OF AVAILABILITY OF MOTHER TONGUE SCHOOLS AND CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS TO MEET ETHNIC DEMAND;

EXTENT OF ACCESS BY POPULATION TO FOREIGN MEDIA AND PUBLICATIONS;

LEVEL OF TOLERANCE OF SAMIZDAT PUBLICATION AND DISTRIBUTION;

ABILITY TO TRAVEL TO WESTERN COUNTRIES;

TOLERANCE OF UNOFFICIAL INTEREST GROUPS;

ABILITY TO TRAVEL TO SOCIALIST COUNTRIES; EXTENT OF AND RESTRICTIONS ON LOCAL CROSS-BORDER TRAFFIC.

B. CULTURE AND MASS MEDIA

U.S. FILMS SHOWN (ESPECIALLY PERCENT OF TOTAL AVAILABLE TO GENERAL PUBLIC);

TYPES OF U.S. FILMS SHOWN (I.E. TO WHAT EXTENT ARE SUCH FILMS SELECTIVELY CHOSEN TO PORTRAY A HIGHLY NEGATIVE VIEW OF AMERICAN LIFE);

TREATMENT OF REPORTERS (U.S. AND OTHER WESTERN RE: VISAS ACCESS TO SOURCES, ETC.)

CONTACT WITH UNIVERSITIES (DIRECT OR THROUGH MINISTRY -- RELATIVE EASE OF ACCESS).

CONTACT WITH TV/RADIO (EASE OF ACCESS, RECEPTIVENESS/
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SUBJECT: DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EASTERN EUROPEAN
INITIATIVE IN COVERING U.S. TOPICS);
CO-OPS WITH USIA/TV (COVERAGE OF THE U.S. BY ON-SITE
TV PERSONNEL);
WORLDNET (ACCESSIBILITY OF NATIONAL TV TO WORLDNET
VIA ANTENNAS OR CASSETTE);
POLICY ON TV/RADIO (JAMMING OF VOA, RFE, OTHER WESTERN
ALTERNATE SOURCES OF INFORMATION);
APPLICATION OF CULTURAL TREATY (WHETHER TREATED AS
CEILING OR FLOOR FOR P&C PROGRAMS);
DEGREE OF LOCAL ACCESS TO P&C LIBRARY, ETC. (PROGRAMS/
FILMS BY GENERAL, SPECIALIZED PUBLICS);
COVERAGE OF U.S. IN MEDIA (BOILER PLATE PROPAGANDA OR
APPEAL TO REASON);
ACCESS TO YOUTH (KISZ, LANGUAGE PROGRAMS);
PRIVATE SECTOR EXCHANGES (EASE AND VOLUME OF "NON-
OFFICIAL" INSTITUTION-TO-INSTITUTION PROGRAMS);
EXHIBITS (NUMBER OF U.S. EXHIBITS AND ACCESS TO WIDER
PUBLICS -- REGIONAL TOURS).
C. HUMANITARIAN/FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT
CSCE ISSUES: TREATMENT OF DIVIDED FAMILIES, ETC.
(POL SHOULD HANDLE);
PERIOD BETWEEN ALLOWED TRIPS TO WEST BY NATIVES;
EMIGRATION ALLOWED BETWEEN 18-55;
AMOUNT OF HARD CURRENCY LOCAL CITIZENS CAN POSSESS
LEGALLY;
AMOUNT OF HARD CURRENCY LOCAL CITIZENS ARE ALLOWED TO
TAKE OUT;
WILLINGNESS TO EXPEDITIOUSLY GRANT EMIGRATION
PERMISSION TO SPOUSE OF AMERICAN CITIZENS, ALIEN
RESIDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES.
D. COMMERCIAL
AVAILABILITY OF BUSINESS VISAS;
ACCESS OF ENTERPRISES AND END-USERS;
AVAILABILITY OF BUSINESS SERVICES;
REQUIREMENTS FOR OPENING A REPRESENTATIONAL OFFICE;
REQUIREMENTS FOR HIRING LOCAL PERSONNEL;
RULES GOVERNING JOINT VENTURES;
REPATRIATION OF LOCAL EARNINGS;
GENERAL BUSINESS CLIMATE;
AVAILABILITY OF MARKETING INFORMATION.
E. ECONOMIC
HOW ARE STATE ENTERPRISES HELD ACCOUNTABLE - I.E. BY
QUANTITATIVE PRODUCTION NORMS OR PROFITABILITY;
DOES THE OBLIGATION OF MAINTAINING FULL EMPLOYMENT
FALL ON THE STATE OR THE ENTERPRISES;
HOW IS THE PRIVATE SECTOR TREATED - I.E. RESTRICTED,
TOLERATED, LIMITED ENCOURAGEMENT, ONLY BOUND BASICALLY
BY PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION AND HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS;
ARE THERE MULTIPLE EXCHANGE RATES? HOW REALISTIC
IS/ARE EXCHANGE RATES VIS-A-VIS CONVERTIBLE

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SUBJECT: DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EASTERN EUROPEAN CURRENCIES;

HOW ADEQUATELY DOES THE DOMESTIC ECONOMY MEET THE CONSUMER NEEDS OF THE POPULATION, I.E. PARTIALLY, ADEQUATELY, SOME LUXURIES AVAILABLE TO AN ELITE, SOME LUXURIES AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND RATIONED BY PRICE;

WHAT INVESTMENT AND SAVINGS OPPORTUNITIES EXIST FOR INDIVIDUALS, I.E. ONLY LOW INTEREST SAVINGS ACCOUNT, HOUSING, SAVINGS ACCOUNTS WITH A REAL RETURN ON THE INTEREST RATE, LIMITED BOND MARKET.

F. ADMINISTRATIVE/BILATERAL

DEGREE OF ACCESS TO FOREIGN CURRENCY SHOPS BY HOST COUNTRY NATIONALS;

NECESSITY FOR DIPLOMATS TO SHOP IN HARD CURRENCY ONLY SHOPS;

DIFFERENT PRICING SYSTEM FOR FOREIGNERS, SUCH AS IN HOTELS OR RENTS CHARGED FOR DIPLOMATIC HOUSING;

INSPECTION OF DIPLOMATIC HHE BOTH ENTERING AND LEAVING THE COUNTRY;

ABILITY OF DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENTS AND FOREIGN (WESTERN) BUSINESSES TO FREELY HIRE NEEDED HOST COUNTRY NATIONALS TO WORK IN THEIR EMBASSIES OR BUSINESSES.

G. RELIGION

WHICH DENOMINATIONS ARE OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED;

FORMAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CHURCH AND STATE;

AVAILABILITY OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TO CITIZENRY;

AVAILABILITY OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TO CLERGY;

POSSIBILITY TO PRACTICE RELIGIOUS BELIEFS AND HOLD PARTY POSITIONS;

ATTITUDES TOWARDS CHURCH ATTENDANCE - TO WHAT EXTENT DOES BEING AN ACTIVE BELIEVER HINDER ONE'S

PROFESSIONAL CAREER;

ABILITY OF CHURCH TO APPOINT LOCAL BISHOPS FREELY;

STATE OF RELATIONS WITH THE VATICAN.

H. SCIENCE

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS BY LEADERSHIP OF U.S. (AND WEST)

PREEMINENCE IN S&T DEVELOPMENTS;

UNINHIBITED CONTACTS AND ACCESS TO WESTERN S&T

COMMUNITIES; OPENLY COURT WESTERN GOVERNMENTS, FIRMS, INSTITUTIONS;

EXPRESSED POLICY INITIATIVES TO EXPAND S&T

COOPERATION WITH WESTERN GOVERNMENTS./

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